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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO PRESIDENT TO VISIT SPAIN

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1. SPANISH AMBASSADOR SAGAZ CALLED ON UNDERSEC PORTER
AUG 24 TO RENEW INVITATION FOR PRESIDENT NIXON TO

VISIT SPAIN IN COURSE OF EUROPEAN TRIP.

2. AMB.PORTER SAID THAT PRESIDENT WAS OF COURSE HONORED
BY THEINVITATION, BUT PLANS FOR HIS TRIP WERE NOT YET
FIRM. ALSO, THERE WERE CERTAIN THINGS THE PRESIDENT HAD
TO DO IN EUROPE WHICH MIGHT RESTRICT HIS TIME AND TRAVEL.
HE ASKED AMB. SAGAZ WHAT FLEXIBILITY WAS THERE IN SPANISH
INVITATION. AMB. SAGAZ REPLIED THAT, ASIDE FROM THE FACT
THAT THE VISIT COULD NOT BE ABSOLUTELY PRIVATE, THERE
COULD BE COMPLETE FLEXIBILITY. TIME COULD BE LIMITED TO
A FEW HOURS IF NECESSARY, AND THERE COULD BE STOPOVER
AT TORREJON OR ROTA, EITHER COMING OR GOING. AMB PORTER
COMMENTED THAT IT WAS DESIRABLE TO HAVE AS MUCH FLEXIBILITY
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AS POSSIBLE. AMB. SAGAZ AGREED.

3. AMB. PORTER SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE PUTTING FORWARD THE SPANISH PROPOSALS AND COMMUNICATING THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION IN DUE COURSE. RUSH

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